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Reviews and Notes

CENTENNIAL PAGEANTS

DURING September and October a number of successful Centennial Pageants were given in the State. At Huntingburg, September 22, the Dubois County Pageant was given under the direction of Genevieve MacDonald Williams, George R. Wilson acting as historian. The five episodes were "The French and Indians at Vincennes," "The Pioneers," "Captain Dubois," "County History," "Union Soldiers." The Huntingburg papers have published a large amount of local history, and a number of historical markers have been erected at historical spots in the county by local societies, assisted by Mr. Wilson.

September 7, at Cannelton, the Perry County Pageant was held. Thomas J. de la Hunt was county chairman, wrote the pageant and staged it, city and county supporting him loyally. The episodes were: "Arrival of Pioneer Settlers," "News from the War of 1812," "Landing of Lincoln Family at Troy," "Lafayette's Steamboat Wreck at Rock Island," "Training Day," "Cannelton Cotton Mills," "Swiss Colonization Society," "Confederate Invasion," "Celebration at End of War." The county papers, especially the Cannelton *Telephone*, published a number of good historical articles, and the Women's Club of Cannelton dedicated a marker at Lafayette Springs in honor of Lafayette.

September 21, New Albany celebrated the Centennial in a Pageant on the banks of Silver Creek. The Pageant was written and directed by Prin. Charles B. McLinn. The episodes were, "The Indians and Lasalle," "Clark at Corn Island," "The Pioneers," "The Wedding," "Passing of the Settlers," "The Indian Attack," the "Circuit Rider," and the "Governor's Ball."

October 5, 6, and 7, White county celebrated with a Pageant in a beautiful, natural amphitheatre on the banks of the Tippecanoe at Monticello. Supt. James M. Leffel was chairman of the centennial association, Miss Emma B. Shealey

was pageant master and W. H. Hamelle, historian. The episodes were, "The Indian," "The Pioneer," "The State," and "The Civil War." The display of relics was most surprising and interesting. The Monticello papers aided by publishing a goodly number of historical articles prepared by Mr. Hamelle.

The New Purchase or Seven and a Half Years in the Far West. BY ROBERT CARLTON, (BAYNARD R. HALL) edited by JAMES ALBERT WOODBURN, Professor of American History, Indiana University, 1916; Princeton, Princeton University Press. pp. 522 (\$2.00).

BAYNARD HALL, the writer of the volume, was the first and only principal of the Indiana Seminary which from 1824 to 1829 preceded Indiana College. The volume describes his trip to, and work in and around Bloomington from the spring of 1823 to the fall of 1830. The title of the book, *The New Purchase*, is misleading, since he only made two brief journeys into that part of the State. The towns named and referred to, Bloomington, Gosport, Palestine, Salem, Fairplay, Spencer and Vincennes, are not in the New Purchase. There is only one sufficient argument for a new edition of the story, but that argument is enough. As a picture of pioneer life in Indiana it is unequalled, and must necessarily always remain so. Mr. Hall qualified for writing the story by entering fully into the pioneer life around him. He saw and was broad-minded enough to appreciate the sterling character of the settlers. He was also frank enough to point out the unattractive features. The picture is not a burst of sunlight on the snow but a mixture of light and shadow, the light tempered with humor and the shadow tempered with sympathy. The history and geography of the story are so carefully veiled with fictitious names that one can only be sure of his location after careful comparisons. Hoosier character, customs, politics, churches, schools, and home life all come in turn, before the camera. The style of the author is not uniform. At times he is poetic, at times he approaches the humor of Twain but through it all, shows the life training of the man, he cannot help but point a moral. The editorial work consists of an